

FISCAL NOTE

HB 605 - SB 907

February 12, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to develop a program to enhance knowledge and understanding of Hepatitis C. Requirements include:

1. A study to estimate the impact of Hepatitis C
2. Conducting education and community outreach
3. Provide training to public health staff and counselors
4. Develop a prevention program
5. Establish voluntary testing programs

The bill prohibits the use of testing results for insurance purposes or for employment decisions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures:

\$750,000 Recurring

\$5,700 One-Time

Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time for Study

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Assumes:

- A need for four positions in the Department of Health and one contract position.
- Expenditures of over \$100,000 to contract for a seroprevalence study of Hepatitis C (based on information from the Centers for Disease Control).
- A need for 57,000 initial Hepatitis C tests and 5,000 confirmatory tests.
- Revenue from fees charged for training courses will be not significant

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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